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SUBJ: SEIZED U.S. TUNA VESSEL: INJURIES OF NEPTUNE CREWMEN

1. LISTED BELOW ARE THE OFFICERS AND MEN OF THE NEPTUNE WHO WERE INJURED AS A RESULT OF THE BOARDING OF THE VESSEL BY ECUADOREAN MILITARY PERSONNEL ABOUT 1100 ON MARCH 6, 1975. ALL MEMBERS OF THE CREW ON THE VESSEL AT THE TIME OF THE BOARDING WERE INJURED. MEMBERS OF THE CREW HAVE THE STRONG IMPRESSION THAT U.S. CITIZENS WERE SINGLED OUT FOR ESPECIALLY ROUGH TREATMENT AND THAT TRINIDADIAN AND JAMAICANS WERE THOUGHT TO BE FROM THE U.S. BY THE BOARDING FORCE BECAUSE THEY SPEAK ENGLISH. THOSE MARKED WITH ASTERISK (#) REQUIRED MEDICAL TREATMENT BY ECUADOREAN DOCTORS.

HOHN BURICH, MASTER (US) - BRUISES IN HIP AREA (KICKS)

#WAYNE SIMON (TRINIDAD) - DISLOCATED SHOULDER RIFLE BUTT),
SPRAINED OR DISLOCATED FINGER (CLUB)

#LIFTON THOMAS (JAMAICAN) - BRUISES & CONTUSIONS OF SHOULDER
(2X4), BRUISES IN WAIST AREA (KICKS)

#STEVEN KING (US) - BRUISES & CONTUSIONS ON BACK & SHOULDER
(CLUBS, KICKS & RIFLE BUTTS), CUT & BUMPS ON HEAD (CLUB),
PAIN IN KIDNEY AREA (KICKS & CLUBS)

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RICHARD SMITH (US) - BRUISES ON BACK (CLUBS), PAIN ON ELBOW (CLUB), WEAKNESS IN KNEE (KICK), BLISTERED BUTTOCKS FROM SITTING ON HOT DECK.

#DON L. BYRD (US) - LACERATION OF HEAD (CLUB), BRUISE ON HIP (KICK), BRUISE & SORENESS IN NECK & UPPER CHEST (KICK), BRUISE ON SHOULDER (CLUB), SORENESS IN STOMACH FROM PRODDING & JABBING WITH .45 PISTOL.

#RICK BYRD (US) - LACERATION OF HEAD - 6 STITCHES (CLUB), WELTS & BRUISES ON BACK & SHOULDERS (CLUB)

FRANCISCO BASALDELLA (ITALIAN) - BRUISE ON UPPER LEG (KICK)

EZEQIAL CANO (PERUVIAN) - BRUISE & PAIN IN SPINE AREA (RIFLE BUTT), BRUISE & SWELLING ON KNEE (CLUB), PAIN IN NECK AREA, BACK & WAIST (CLUB - KICKS)

ISIS TORRES (PANAMANIAN) - PAIN IN AREA OF UPPER ARMS - (BUTT)

JAMES LARKINS (US) - BRUISES ON BACK & CHEST (BUTTS & CLUBS)

RALPH MARCIAL (TRINIDAD) - BRUISE ON TEMPLE (RIFLE BUTT), SWELLING & PAIN IN CHEST, BACK & RIB AREA (KICKS & CLUBS), BUMPS ON HEAD (CLUBS), PAIN IN KNEE (CLUBS)

JORGE AGUIRRE (PANAMANIAN) - BRUISES ON HANDS AND LEG (CLUBS), PAIN IN NECK, STOMACH & BACK OF HEAD (KICKS, CLUBS, RIFLE BUTTS)

JESUS FIGUEROA (PERUVIAN) - CONTUSIONS ON LOWER LEG - FELL DOWN LADDER AS RESULT OF BEING STRUCK BY RIFLE BUTT; BLISTERS ON BUTTOCKS FROM SITTING ON HOT DECK, PAINS IN HEAD, CHEST & BACK (KICKS & CLUBS)

LUIS HERRERA (PERUVIAN) - BRUISES & PAIN IN CHEST, SHOULDERS, BACK (CLUBS).
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